Setting up of Private Oil Refineries

1196. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a number of applications for setting up private oil refineries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the private parties;

(c) how many parties have been permitted to set up oil refineries in the country; and

(d) what are the terms and conditions for the private parties to set up oil refinery ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Four parties in the private sector have been granted LOIs for setting up oil refineries in the country as follows :—

1. M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. —C. Itoh, Japan (now named M/s C. Itochu of Japan) —9 MMTPA
2. M/s Ashok Leyland —Gotco, USA —6 MMTPA
3. M/s. International Petroleum —SA (BV) —5 MMTPA
4. M/s Essar Investments Limited —9 MMTPA

(d) To meet the increasing demand of refining capacity in the country, the setting up of the private oil refineries has been considered desirable and necessary.

L.P.G. Agencies

1197. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of L.P.G. agencies operating in all the States,

(b) the number of L.P.G. agencies operating in Punjab;

(c) the number of new L.P.G. agencies proposed to be given in 1993-94;

(d) the number of L.P.G. agencies likely to be given in Punjab during 1993-94; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to change the present criteria for selection of distributors of L.P.G. agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) As on 1-1-1993, there were 4093 LPG distributorships operating all over the country, out of which 169 LPG distributorships were functioning in Punjab.

(c) and (d) Government has recently approved LPG Marketing Plan for 1992-94 containing proposals to set 575 LPG distributorships all over the country. 31 LPG distributorships have been proposed for Punjab.

(e) No, Sir.

Petrol Pumps and LP G Agencies in U.P.

1198. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies opened last year and those to be opened in Uttar Pradesh during the current year;

(b) whether there is any reservation for the weaker sections and freedom fighters in the sanctioning of these agencies; and